Columbia, Pa. Saturday, December 26, 1868.

"A Merry Christmas."

Christmas has come again! All hail thou time honored and custom revered festal day! We greet thee with feelings and aspirations akin to an holy awe. How many are the hearts filled with happiness to day-how joyons the tone, how sparkling the eye, as "I wish you a merry Christmas," is eaught up and passed through the crisp wintry air, until even the glistening hear-frost, the icy windowpanes, and the stately, transparent icicle, all aglow with its thousand diamond scintillations, seem melted by the flood of friendly congratulations which flow, as it were involuntarily, from mouth to mouth. Welcome, thrice welcome, thou Queen denizens of earth pay thee willing tributes

Festal Day of the year! Long may the and waft thy praises down the pathway of the ages! What holy recollections cluster like pearls in the diadem of memory around this "merry Christmas" time, seeming as each successive year rolls along in Time's mighty vehicle, to add still more beauty to the halo of glory which has so long encircled its observance. See that grayhaired matron, who from her favorite nook in the chimney corner, lets drop the half-finished stocking, as she watches with doting eyes, and fond Thances, the noisy rompings of her grand children as they play their Christmas games. See that tear glistening in her eye, and rolling slowly down her cheek. She dont think to wipe it away, for her memory is busy. It is carrying her back nearly three-score years and ton, to the days of "auld lang sine," when she, too, awoke betimes in the early morn, after a disturbed night's slumber, to grope her way in the gray light of breaking day to her stocking, hung by the old crane in the monstrous fire-place, where the huge back log yet lay smouldering. With what glee she clutches the precious stocking, and hastily empties it of the numerous mementoes of the generosity of "Old Santa Claus." Then on tip-toe to the bed-room of Father and mother. "Wish you a merry Christmas!" How cherrily the notes ring out. Now away up stairs to shout the same to brothers and sisters, telling them to "come and see what Santa Claus has left," until soon the old homestead, now more precious than all the gold of California, or the silver of Nevada, in the memories it awakens, rings again and again with the merry peals! There-she has wiped away the tear now-a sigh follows-she is with the present again. Alas! how changed! From childhood to old age Now, her form, once so lithe, is benther cheeks once so round, have lost their freshness-her hands are shriveled and trembling-her voice tremulous and weak. Her three-score years and ten are almost gone! The sands in the hour glass of life are dropping silently, away. The old homestead, with its large, old-fashioned kitchen and bare rafters overhead-its homely fire-place-has long since crumbled away, leaving no trace to mark even its foundation, and in its stead has risen a palatial residence, the abode of pride, pomp, and gilded affluence. The old, gnarled early apple tree, down in the East lot, where the boys and girls of the old homestead used to gambol and play, feasting on the luscious fruit, was leveled to the ground long years ago by the fierce wintry blast. The old spring, too, down by the big rock, whose gurgling waters were so cold and clear, where the boys and girls used to go to drink on bent knees, laughing in high glee at the re-

flection of their own faces in the perfect

mirror-that, too, has been filled up, while

the old rock has been blasted away.

Father, with his full hearty voice, and

cordial welcome-Mother, with her bust-

ling form and ruddy countenance-both

have slumbered in the village burying

ground; side by side, for more than half

a century. The hands which filled the

stockines in the old chimney nook, and

heaped up the old table with good things

for Christmas, long since returned to

dust; and this aged matron is all of that

once large and joyous household left to

usher in the "Merry Christmas" of 1868.

Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters-all,

all have gone the narrow way. Him to

early days, is waiting for her down in the

lonely grave-yard by the pond, where

sun was just gilding the horizon for them.

ere another Christmas will have come she

will, join him, in, cternity ! ... Slowly an-

other tear furrows its way, down her

insted so sweet to her as that prepared by

that saloted Mother ! "Oh, how fresh all

these reminiscences cluster around this

last Christmas of this gray-haired woman,

just ready to take the step into Eternity!

Distarb her not for her's are holy thoughts, Invade them not with the

haired days, when her ngure was creet

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tory. Learn to live so that you may be loved and cherished for yourself alone. Youth-middle age-old age! Lifedeath! Who of us will be among the

living when another "Merry Christmas" shall come, with its keen bracing air-its pleusant carols-its cherry voices-its happy interminglings?

Kind readers and patrons-in extending to you our gladsome salutation-' wish you a Merry Christmas"-we most fervently hope that the year 1869, on which we are now about entering, may be to you indeed a "HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A Word in Season. There may be little need to remind provident fathers and loving mothers to make the coming season of indoor feasting and merry-making-when every holy tie is closer drawn around the blazing hearth, and every good and purifying inspiration is strengthened by the gentle affuence of the hour -- a happy one to their own little ones; but gentle reader, let us urge a word or two in behalf of that poor shoeless boy that comes to your basement door for the Litchen fragments; those two thinly-elad little girls who often pass your window, laboriously carrying a basket of coal-not a very large one, either -and whose red fingers and unprotected feet have often excited your pity; that pale, sad looking young woman who comes to ask for plain sewing, in order to sustain a sick or drooping mother or to provide a scancy meal for a helpless little orphan brother or sister, or both, who may be starving for want of bread. Will you or any one remember them, and many others to whom some appropriate Christmas gift would be a God-send, filling their hearts with unaccustomed gladness?

Do not forget that, in the natural course of things, some persons are poor while others are nich; some live in luxury, while others drag out a dreary miserable existence in abject, in painful poverty. If God has blessed you with plenty remember the poor and suffering. If even you can scatter only a few pennies here and there, do so. You may occasionally give unworthy, but to whatever bad uses your bounty may be turned it is not likely that the deed will ever be entered to your discredit in the books of the record-

"Better to trust and be deceived, And mourn that trust, and that deceiving, Than doubt one heart, that if believed. Would bless one's life with such believing." Again, we say, give, and thus will you enjoy in all fullness, as we most heartily wish you to do-a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

> SCATTER YOUR CRUMES: Amidst the freezing sleet and snow, In pity drive them not away, But scatter out your crunibs

And leave your door upon the latch, For whosever comes; The poorer they, more welcome give, And scatter out your crumbs.

All have to spare, none are too poor, When want with Winter comes; The loaf is never all their own; Then scatter ont your crumbs. Soon winter falls upon your life,

The day of reckoning comes: Against your sins, by high decree, Are weighed those scattered crur The Late Thaddens Stevens.

At the opening of the House of Repreentatives, on the 17th inst., the hall was crowded with anxious spectators, to listen to the last tribute of respect to the meinory of the late Hon. Thaddeus Stevens. Hon. O. J. Dickey, his successor, was the chosen orator, and attracted no little at-In a reading of this able enlagy the

country cannot but be favorably impressed with its directness and power. It is concise and spirited, while it contains no single sentence but expresses the deep carnestness of the orator. It contains no vague attempts at finished oratory, but abounds in genuine sentiment, and historical facts. We give the closing words of Mr. Dickey's effort, which will be read and preserved with his memory: "The remains of Mr. Stevens lie in

Lancaster, in a private cemetery, established by an old friend, in a lot selected by himself, for reasons stated in the touching and beautiful enitaph prepared by himself for inscription on his tomb:

"I repose in this quiet, seeladed spot, not from any natural preference for solitude, but inding other cemetories limited by character rules as to race, I have chosen it that I might be enabled to illustrate in my death the principles which I have adverleath the principles which I have advocated through a long life—equality of man before his Creator.'

"Let us trust and believe that if the carnest and sincere prayers of millions of poor, down-trodden, and oppressed may sooth the pathway of the traveler on his journey from this world to the bourne of all, his has been a happy exit."

The United States Mint. Dr. Linderman, the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, has made a most interesting report of the operations of that institution for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June last. The total deposits of gold and silver for the year, less deductions for re-deposits, were \$24,591,325. whom she plighted her troth in girlhood's The total value of the coinage in the same time, including nickle-copper and bronze, was \$27,447,696. The total numthey used to walk together when life's ber of pieces struck, 49,735,606. The operations of the Mint were suspended He has waited there for her many a year | for about three months, for the purpose mear by their old trysting place, and of making repairs, so that the time for coinage for the lower coins was really only nine months. The Mint is reported to be in the most efficient condition, and wrinkled cheek, and you know she is the Director says it is a fact proved by thinking of this. And yet, it seems but experience, that coinage can be executed a day to look back upon her own. Merry at the principal mint at less expense than Christmas" festal days, when climbing up in any other part of the country, and, as to it, and hope they will adopt a Rule on Papa's knee, she tensed him to tell her the means of safe transportation have of Old Santa Chaus." Slie can see the greatly multiplied of late years, there is old-fashioned-pantry; whose shelves are no reason for reviving coinage operations groaning under the weight of mince pies at either of the three branch, Mints, forand spare ribs enough to last a month's merly in operation in the Southern States, time. There, too, stands the table and and he therefore recommends that these the cloth so clean , and, white, woven by establishments be disposed of. The ma Mother's own hands. No food was ever chinery for the new branch Mint in Ne vada will be put up during the present

aver again her fancy-pictured, golden-Tire Democratic Senators and Repreher eyes sparkling, and her cheeks red sentatives in Congress have petitioned the with the glow of health; and dearn from her the great lesson tanglit us at every President to pardon Jefferson Davis, Beauregard,"and all 'other 'persons now under corner of life's dusty and worn highway the joys which they bring are but transi- I ting in the rebellion.

winter, and a new branch Mint edifice is

about to be put up at San Francisco, on

a scale commensurate with the bullion in

torests of that region. This branch and

the Mint at Philadelphia, the Director

thinks sufficient for the prompt execu-

no others will be necessary have an more

The Union Pacific Railroad.

It will be seen by the new advertisement of the Company in another column. that 960 miles of the Union Pacific Railroad have been completed and put into active operation. For 120 miles more the track is graded, and the iron on the ground ready for laying. More than four hundred miles have been built in the season of 1868, and with less than 400 miles now intervening between the rails of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Companies, every indication guarantees the opening of the entire line to the Pacific n the early summer of 1869. The earnings for the year ending June 30, were more than four million dollars, on an average of 472 miles in operation; and the carnings for the last five months were \$5,386,870. These amounts are so largely in excess of the liabilities of the Company on account of interest upon its own First Mortgage Bonds and the Government hands loaned to it as a subsidy, as to allow of no doubt that all such liabilities will be promptly met when due. The road is well equipped, and large orders have been given for such an increase of rolling stock as will be necessary when to the local trade is added the immense through traffic which must follow the opening of the entire line.

Each section of twenty miles has been critically examined by the regular Goverument inspectors appointed for the purpose, and reported to the President as possessing all the characteristics of a first class road. A special commission, appointed by the President in September last, made thorough re-examination of 890 miles, and summed up their conclusions

" Taken as a whole, the Pacific Railroad "Taken as a whole, the Pacific Railroad has been well constructed. The general route for the line has been well selected, crossing the Rocky Mountains at some of the most favorable passes on the continent. The energy and perseverance with which the work has been urged forward, and the rapidity with which it has been executed, provided the selection of the selec are without parallel in history. The country has reason to congratulate itself that this great work of national importance is so rapidly approaching completion, under such favorable auspices."

The evidence of many other able and critical examiners of the road coincides with this testimony to the faithfulness with which the road has been constructed. The First Mortgage Bonds of the Company are now offered for sale at par and accrued interest, at which price they pay a high rate of interest. Both principal and interest being fully secured by the value of the road and the extent of its business, it would seem that no better investment can be offered; and we cheerfully call attention to the facts set forth in the advertisement of the Treasurer of the Com-

Specie Payments. The Boston Advertiser says editorially: "A letter from Philadelphia informs us that an eminent banker in that city, whose services during the war won for him a untional reputation, has laid before the authorities at Washington a carefully prepared plan for funding the national debt, and resuming specie, payments which has been received with favor by those who have examined it. The details are not given; but it coleuplates, among other things, such a policy toward the Southern States as will hasten the development of their resources, and put them in a condition to take care of themselves, and contribute their share toward the common burdens. By accepting in good faith the new condition of things, it will be in their power, by the adoption of a liberal policy on the part of the government, to secure the advantages of the national banking system as they have not yet done, and be in the way of putting their great resources to profitable account. . The value of the cotton crop, this year, approximates four hundred million dollars, and with the proceeds of the rice and tobacco crops added, the South will have a moneyed basis aqual to any demands that may be made on it. This element, the Philadelphia banker maintains, must be taken into account in any solution of the financial problem that has a chance of success." The reference is doubtless to Mr. Jay

Cooke. GEN. VAN WYCK has presented his re port on the whisky frauds, and we find (which we knew before) that there have been all sorts of dishonest transactions in regard to duties on whisky, and that there are a great number of very incompetent, and worse than incompetent, men in the revenue service. Now that we know, officially, something about these frauds (although we do not know as much as we could wish), we hope that action in the matter will soon succeed the knowledge. There have been frauds by gaugers, frauds by distillers and store keepers. frauds through compounding houses and frauds carried on by means of terrorism exercised over honest officers. We shall now expect the trials of the gaugers, distillers, and other gentlemen of the fradu-

Attorneys Going Bail for Clients. In many sections of our State it had become so common for an Attorney to go bail or security for his client, that the Courts had to adopt rules prohibiting them from doing it. We do not know what the custom is with regard to that matter in Lancaster, but we most respectfully call the attention of the Judges of our Courts which will prevent an Attorney from going bail for his client. The ends of justice are sometimes in that way thwarted, and felons turned loose to prey upon the community. We shall have more to say upon this subject at a future time.

Con GANO, formerly of Morgan's cavalry, is preaching with great effect at Lexicon, Ky. Gano was once a practising physician in Texas, then member of he Legislature of that State then a colone in Morgan's cavalry, and, after being blown up on a steam boat, turned preacher, and is the most effective one, at least for drawing-crowds, in the State of Kentucky

CERTAIN Swedish philosophers exposed condemned crimical to a process that froze him hard and solid. The body has been placed in a cold vault, and, in after years, it is to be thawed out, the philosopresentment or indictment for participal phers claiming that the man will wake up ting in the rebellion.

Army of the Potomac. We learn from the Army and Navy

Journal, that the great and successful reunion of the veterans of the Western armies last week at Chicago, is stirring up some life in the old army of the Potonac. It has long been a wonder to the people that this great and glorious armythe most homogeneous and unified of all the armies of the Union: the army which suffered most and bled most; which conquered the finest rebel army, and took the Capital of the Confederacy-should give no sign of existence or exhibit esprit du corps, while the armies of the West annually indulge in unions and convivial rejoicings. It is time that these yearly gatherings of the soldiers, which will the recommendation of Senator Buckalew doubtless become a feature in American The confirmation of Mr. O'Neill for Dishistory, until the last survivor is buried, should become national, and not sectional. And to this end it is desirable that the Eastern armies, the army of the James, the army of the South, and the army of Louisiana, should cluster around the Grand Army of the Potomac as their central figure, and be ready to meet the Western armies next year in generous and friendly rivalry around the social board, and be

neath the orator's stand.

The Spanish people having overturned the Bourbon dynasty, are now living under a provisional or temporary government-to exist for the time being, until a national Council to be elected in January, shall nicet to constitute a new form of government. The nation is divided upon the great question of a Republic or Monarchy. All the aristocrats, monarchists and cloistered priesteraft, believe the people incompetent to govern themselves. This has always been the opinion of aristocrats, as it is of some modern "demoerats." At Cadizan insurection developed Republicans, but really incited by the \$20,000. Carlist monarchists, in order to bring about a state of anarchy. After a collison with the troops, it has fortunately been the American Consul. Affairs now augur tranquility, until the national Cortes shall found the new form of government.

THE colored men of western Pennsylvanin are to assemble in convention in Pittsburg during the approaching holidays. "It will greatly depend on the dis cretion and temper of the proceedings of such assemblages how far, politically, the colored men of the State can progress, and we therefore hope the meeting will be so conducted as to strengthen the hands of those who are now honestly laboring to secure for the colored men of the Republie the same civil and political rights as are enjoyed by their white fellow citi-

A Hard Up City. The Vicksburg Times says of their ity: City scrip has gone far below par, the corporation is badly in debt, the gas is shut off from every public lamp in town, and a judgment against the city, which vas compromised provided a certain antount be paid by a given time, will put every dollar's worth of public property seder the hammer, unless something is spe dily

The January Interest.

It appears by a Washington dispatch that the coin interest to be paid in Jenuary will be larger than any previous half n of thirty millions, and including the nterest on three different issues of five twenties, and three other forms of debt. As nearly all the securities on which interest will be paid are held by our own people, the gold will be retained in this country.

ENGLISH cotton spinners are in great distress, and from late accounts we learn that several heavy failures have just occurred among the manufacturers of Manchester. The condition of this branch of trade in England has of late been in any unsatisfactory state, owing to a too large production of high cost of raw material, which has led some houses to press goods upon the market at a loss.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER has instituted a Sunday evening course of free lectures on scientific subjects, to be delivered at his Bethol in Brooklyn Below the chapel, in a large hall, he has estab lished a free reading room for the working people. It is well furnished with newspapers and periodicals, and is open every evening in the week.

GENERAL GEO. H. THOMAS has declined the honor of having his statue placed among the figures to be erected on the base of the proposed Lincoln Monument at Washington, and has peremptorily insisted that the resolution to that effect passed at Chicago, by the Army of the Tennesse, should be expunged from the records of the proceedings.

BARNUM having educated New York until it is sharper than he is, is going to start a show in London 'and do the same thing there, if he can ..

Telegraphic Summary. FRIDAY, Dec. 18. Eight hundred boxes of tobacco have been soized for evasion of tax at New Orleans. Gen. O. O. Howard has been mustored out as Major General of Volunteers, to take effect on June 1st. This will leave him Brigadier General in the regular army. George S. Gale has been nominated

Pension Agent in New York. R. H. Dana, Jr., has brought suit against the Mayor and Aldermen of Cambridge, Mass., for removing or omitting his name from the voting list, whereby he lost his vote. He claims \$5000 damages. A fight between citizens and a party of

militia at Augusta, Arkansas, on Tuesday, is reported. Four militia men were killed. The Arkansas House has approved the Governor's proclamation of martial law in Conway county The Sheriff at Richmond; Va., had de-

termined to hang the murderer, Jeter Phillips, notwithstanding Judge Underwood's decision, but Phillips has been respited by Governor Wells until his case shall be dis-posed of by the United States Courts. posed of by the United States Courts.

John McNamara has been convicted of
the murder of his wife in Baltimore.

J. A. Whitehead, a clerk of the Union
Pacific Railroad, was robbed of \$9000 in
Cheyanus, on Wednesday night by three There were two dires in Cincinnati yes

Dr. J. H. Gibbon, of North Carolina, fathor of General Gibbon; U. S. A., died yester

day, in Baltimore, aged 74. SATURDAY, Dec. 19. Edwin M. Stanton returned to his practice in the Supreme Court of Washington city, to-day, remarking to friends that he

ad withdrawn from politics. Members of the Judiciary Committee who have charge of the investigation into the political affairs of Maryland, have a the request of the Maryland delegation decided not to enter on the examination of witnesses until after the holidays.

Vice President Colfax dined at the Union League Club House, Philadelphia, to-day The President has nominated Perry B Spear to be Collector of the Seventh Pennsylvania district, and W. Cooper Talley to be Assessor of the same district, vice Swayne II. Englebert, to be removed, upor rict Attorney for the Eastern District o Pennsylvania was the consideration for heir recommendation by Senator Buckalew. Mr. Broomall, the member from the district, and Mr. Townsend, the member elect, sastain the present incumbents, wh are both Republicans. The Philadelphia Republican members oppose O'Neill, who is a Democrat, but Jameson is a friend of O'Neill and Spear, and will endeavor to secure their confirmations.

The total of the appropriations made during the second session of the Fortieth Congress is \$160,551 SS5, of which \$33,082,093 was for the army : \$17,256,350 for the mayy, and \$30.350,000 for pensions.

Gen. Grant and Secretary Schofield have returned to Washington from Chicago. Sarah Boyd, an old Irishwoman, who husband had deserted her, was found dead of starvation in her bed at Nashville, or

The Sheriff of Coshocton county, Ohio has absconded with \$50,000 of the county

The Bank of Candor, Tioga county, N. Y. was robbed of \$34,000 on Thursday night. Hildreth's & Co.'s jewelry store at Northboro', Mass., was robbed of \$1000 worth of valuables on Friday night.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22. The Bellfield Presbyterian Church, at tself, ostensibly in the interest of the Pittsburg, was burned on Sunday. Loss

An oyster boat was sunk by the steamer Lucille, In Chesapeak Bay, on Saturday night, and three men were drowned. One of them was the mate of the steamer, who suppressed, through the good officers of got on the oyster vessel to discover her damages, before she sank.

Col. Carpenter's expedition, which left Fort Wallace some time since, has returned and reports no trace of hostile Indians in Gen. Sheridan's rear. There are fears o further trouble north of the Arkansas this winter.

The Poultry exhibition is now in progres Philadelphia. A jury has at last been secured in the Hill homicide, and the trial is progressing.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23. The banking firm of Lucker & Co., at Louisville, failed yesterday. Jacob G. Nicholson, father of Congress-

nan John A. Nicholson, of Delaware, died on Monday, aged 61. The new bridge across the Mississippi, at Dubuque, Iowa, was finished on Monday. It is 1760 feet long, with a draw of 360 feet nd cost \$900,000.

Generals Babcock and Porter, of General Grant's staff, have gone to Arkansas, to inquire into the militia troubles. Caleb Cushing has left Aspinwal for Car-

thagena in the U.S. steamer Yantic. He goes to Bogota on a special mission for our Government. Gen. Stoneman has extended the stay law

in Virginia until July Ist. Gold closed yesterday at 135. The stock

market was steady, Governments being weak.,

Fortieth Congress.

FRIDAY, Dec. 18, 1868. In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, Mr. Mc Creery presented Constitutional amond.

ments to protect the rights of minorities and prevent Presidential elections from being brought to the House of Representatives. which were referred. The House bill, ex yearly payment, reaching an aggregate | tending the time of affixing stamps under the whisky and tobacco bill, to Feb. 15 was concurred in. The House bill remov ing disabilities from certain South Carolinians was also passed. The resolution disapproving the President's financial recommendations was adopted, year 43, navs 6. On motion of Mr. Conkling, the President was asked for information concerning the the exercise of judicial powers in certain cases by our Consuls in Japan. Bills to re-move political disabilities, and giving bounties to former slaves, were introduced and

referred. Adjourned. In the House, the death of Thaddeus Sterens was announced, and the customary speeches made, occupying the day, so tha business was transacted. SATURDAY, Dec. 19.

In the Senate, Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported the bill to abolish the franking privilege, and recommended its passage, Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to repeal he act admitting Georgia to representation in Congress, to provide for a provisional government for that State, and for other urposes. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Senate then went into executive session, and soon after adjourned. In the House, the Speaker rend several memorials from the Oregon Legislature, asking aid from the Government for railroad and other enterprises.

Mr. Peters offered a resolution for the printing of 20,000 copies of the eulogies deivered on the late Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania. Adopted,

Mr. Mullins asked leave to offer a pre-

mble and resolution in reference to the Ku-Klux outrages.

Mr. Julian, from the Committee on Pub-

lic Lands, reported a bill to extend the provisions of the Homestead act to the orphan children of deceased soldiers who are inder 21 years of age. Passed. The House then adjourned until Monday

In the United States Senate, to-day Mr. Pomeroy introduced a bill for the reassembling of the Georgia Reconstruction Convention, which was referred. On motion of Mr. Harlan, the Judiciary Committee was directed to report a bill reapportioning Congressmen in accordance with the fourteenth mendment. Mr. Chandler moved to take up the short Tariff bill, which was lost—yeas 2, nays, 23. The credentials of Senator-elect Gilbert, of Florida, were presented and referred. The House was not in session.

MONDAY, Dec. 21. In the United States Senate yesterday, Mr. Wilson introduced a bill providing that Judges of the United States Supreme Court may retire on full salaries at the age of seventy years. Mr. Patterson, of New Hampshire, introduced a bill reorganizing the medical department of the Navy. In the House Mr. Van Wyck made his report on the New York Whisky frauds. Both Houses adjourned until Tuesday, January

Good Langhers,

Only honest men are good laughers; a man may smile and smile, and be a villian; but the poet doesn't say he may laugh. In a rogue's laugh there is something forced and hollow, like the sepulchral bass of a stage robber's ha! ha! ha! One misses the true-ring; there is discord somewhere in the music. But a good laugh is an outlet for all the bitterness of life, the prompter of social harmony, the lightner of trouble, and the palm of pain,

-Allithe icight makers of the country, it terday, which destroyed about \$50,000 worth is said are sending specimens of their wares to President Grant.

Editorial and Miscellaneous. -Mazzini is dying.

-Raffles are thick

—Hugo reads English.

-Snow birds are scarce. -Albonia is losing flesh. -Soup houses are starting. -Capt. Jinks is a smokist. -Lotta has gone to Chicago. -Old turkeys have scally feet -J. C. Bucher has Rhine wine. -Nashville doctors don't trust. -Rothschild left a ton of deeds. -Selling very fast-Hess' toys. -A delicate cough is the mode. —Dr. Brownson is convalescent. -Wilkie Collins chews licorice. —II. M. North, Esq., is married. -Wild cats are thick in Canada. -Newark meditates a big hotel. A gudgeon-catcher is invented. -"Mazeppa" is thrilling Atlanta. -Young geese have yellow bills. -Ristori is a failure in Florence. -The Troy foundries have closed

-Rochester wants marrying men -Grant wears a butterfly neck-tie -Mrs. Yelverton is coming North. -Tom Thumb is in North Carolina -Sergeant Bates is in New Orleans. -Small pox prevails in Cincinnatti. -Tilton is talking in Rhode Island. -The Hinderpest-the Grecian bend. -Nasby has just had another dream. -Toronto has a workingmen's paper. -Norfolk has had a three-inch snow -Deer hunting is lively in Minnesota -Go to Breneman's and get a Tourist. -Sons that shine for all-boot-blacks. -Stamford is to have a velocipede race -Detroit has a sleeping match this week -Bonner's Auburn horse is dead of colic. -Mrs. Lander is coming out as a singer.

-The "steam man" is humbugging Mom--Dickinson county, Iowa, owns forty -The weather was cold vesterday here--Illinois pays her Governor only \$1500

-Dickens is passionately fond of gravy.

-Columbus' remains are in an iron coffin

-Crinoline is coming into fashion again -Mrs. Lincoln is very ill at Frankfort on-the-Main. -Texas has now fitty beef-packing estab-

-Wild ducks are twenty-five cents in -Elk county, Pa., is covered with three leet of snow -Parepa Rora and Maggie Mitchell are a Pittsburg. -Chambersburg is to have a Horticul-

-A horse in Coventry died of old age-—Some one has erected a monument to being thírty. -Rochester has 2500 young ladies anxious -They are having red snow-falls on the Missourri river.

-The ex-King of Naples is reduced to his last shilling. -The latest rumor about Vanderbilt is seventy millions. seventy millions.

—It costs three dollars to whip your wife in Lexington, Ky.

-Fifteen cents apiece are paid for rat skins in Minnesota. -The Illinois river is reported frozen over its entire length. -The cattle disease has broken out at Milford, Connecticut. -A western paper calls New York the 'Paradise of thieves."

-The railways, it is said, don't charge leneral Grant any fare. -The Hartford State House clock is illuninated with tallow dins. -Elmira audiences are not allowed to cave until the curtain drops. -An Eagle caught in New Hampshire had a halter-chain in its crop. -General Grant kissed a child on the Opera House stage in Chicago

-An eight-wife power Indianian things livorces cheaper than funerals. —One hundred dollars and sixty days is the pay of Chicago pickpockets.

—It is claimed that Vermont will be the first to legalize woman suffrage. -Guessing nearest a given number gives one a pincushion at Boston fairs.

—The monogram on P. T. Barnum's door knob is translated "Pull the Bell." -Brazilian cotton seed is reported to yield -A young lady of Richmond, Va., brought suit against her milliner for s

-Western Pennsylvania already presents ine candidates for the Senatorship from

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